



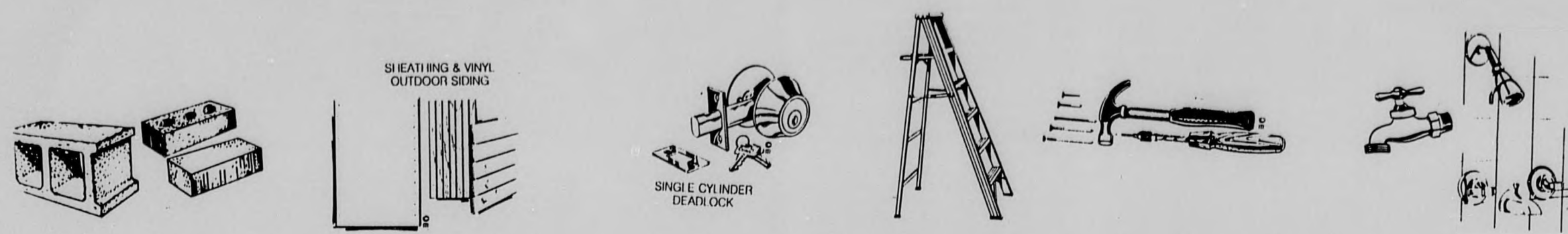
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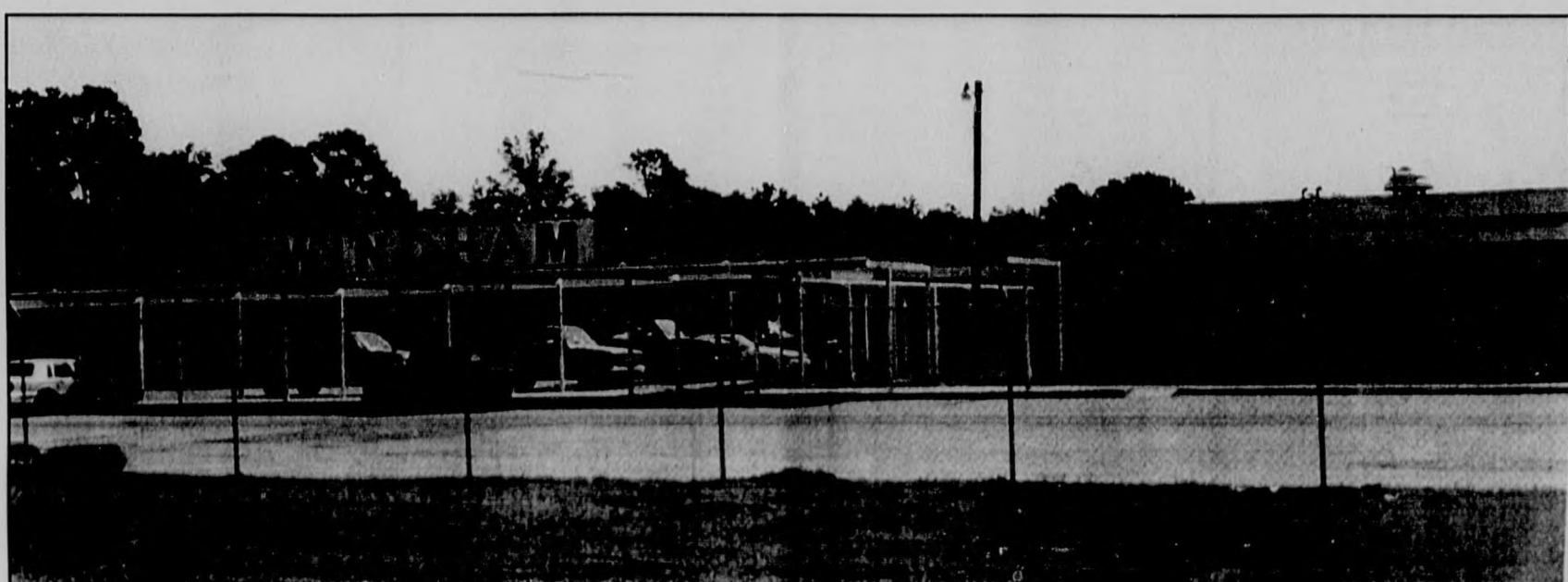
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CITY OF ELBA'S PROPOSED BUDGET TOTALS \$2,166,400.00

Smoking & rental ordinances passed

by Ferrin Cox - Publisher

The Elba City Council followed through with plans and passed a no-smoking ordinance Monday night during regular activities. As previously reported, the ordinance limits smoking in or around any city owned building, etc. to designated areas. Violations are punishable by law.

Also passed into law was a new rental tax ordinance, designed to put Elba's tax laws in line with those of the State of Alabama. Elba will return to the Alabama Revenue Department as collector of sales taxes, effective October 1, 1997. For several years Elba has used a private firm to collect sales taxes. However, several incidents of large tax payments not being paid, and no enforcement efforts being made, has prompted the city to revert back to the old standard.

The council decided to have the engineer on the proposed sewer project officially notify the federal agencies furnishing the money that Elba plans to proceed with the pro-

ject but will hold public hearings, or meetings, prior to committing any additional money to the project.

Representatives of the Elba Rescue Squad expressed concerns to the council about confusion and bad communications. After several minutes of emotional discussion, the council members asked the mayor to get with the rescue squad, police chief and city attorney and see if this matter could be once again resolved.

Mayor James Grimes reviewed the proposed budget for the new year with council members. He asked they study the proposal and be prepared to make changes or approve it soon, hopefully at the next council meeting.

The proposed 1997-98 budget for the city totals \$2,166,400. It includes a 2 1/2% pay increase for merit employees and an increase for firemen from \$12.74 per fire to \$13.25 a fire.

Grimes pointed out that he had included no matching money for the long discussed bike path from 203 Bypass to the new school. He said the latest estimates on the cost make the project entirely too expensive.

Elba City School Board hires fires & shuffles personnel

by Ferrin Cox - Publisher

In a special called meeting, the Elba City School Board hired a new basketball coach, shuffled some lunchroom workers and voted to terminate the employment contract of an elementary teacher.

The board accepted the recommendation of Superintendent Charles Pearce and named Marlon Johnson as head boys basketball coach and driver education teacher. He comes to Elba from Tuscaloosa.

Also, the board voted to hire Johnson's wife as an aide at the elementary school. She will additional work in the high school environment.

Mrs. Johnson will work on a new project assisting children of migrant workers and developing parenting skills.

Erma Green was hired as a full time lunchroom worker. She comes from the Troy schools. Also hired full time was Barbara Waldon, who was a part time employee. Pearce said they were working to get all lunchroom workers full time, rather than multiple part-time workers.

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Alabama State Troopers predict 16 will die during Labor Day holiday

The Alabama Department of Public Safety estimates 16 people will be killed in traffic wrecks during the 78-hour Labor Day travel period that begins at 6 p.m. Friday, August 29, and ends at midnight Monday, September 1.

In 1996, 12 people died as a result of traffic wrecks during the 78-hour Labor Day holiday period. Nine of the deaths occurred on rural roads and three in urban areas. At least seven of the deaths were alcohol related.

State troopers expect traffic to be heavy during the last warm-weather holiday period of the year. They urge motorists to drive with caution, using seat belts, securing children in child safety seats and obeying all traffic laws.

Also during the holiday weekend, state troopers will join sheriff and police departments throughout the state in conducting a series of sobriety checkpoints. This crackdown on drunken driving, called "Operation

Zero Tolerance," was initiated during the July Fourth holiday period and resulted in 317 DUI arrests.

All available troopers will be on duty to enforce speed limits and all other traffic laws during the holiday period.

Federal overtime grants aimed at speed limit and DUI enforcement will allow an increase in trooper presence. Aerial speed enforcement will be a part of troopers' speed limit enforcement activity in some parts of the state.

Troopers will concentrate patrols on heavily traveled vacation beach routes, including interstate highways, and U.S. 231 and 331 south of Montgomery.

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DAY!



CLOSE CALL... On Wednesday, August 20, shortly after 3:00 p.m., an automobile driven by Jennifer Newkirk, 16, of Ozark, AL, left the roadway and overturned. She was thrown from the vehicle. A passenger in the car, Lisa Newkirk, 6, of Ozark, AL, remained in the car. Both young ladies are students at Zion Chapel High School & Elementary School and were on their way home from school. The accident occurred on Co. Rd. 215. Both girls were taken to Elba General Hospital by a unit of the Elba Rescue Squad. Lisa was treated and released while Jennifer was transferred to a Dothan hospital for further treatment. The accident was investigated by the Alabama State Troopers. Assisting at the scene were Coffee County Sheriff's deputies and volunteer firemen from Zion Chapel and Five Star.

That is another matter he asked the council to consider and comment on at the next meeting.

The mayor noted the cost of the path is now up to \$133,000 for asphalt and higher for concrete. Elba is only eligible for a \$50,600 grant to fund this work.

Elba has officially been the dog pound for Coffee County for several years. The county pays the city a contractual amount of \$300 for this service. The council voted Monday evening to continue this for another year, but to increase the fee to \$500, due to the number of dogs the county brings to the local pound.

Unanimous approval was given to purchase half-page ad at the local high school annual at a cost of \$100.

ATTEMPT MADE TO DISPEL RUMORS OF CLOSING RURAL VOTING HOUSES

Commission meeting brief and to the point

by Marvin McLain - Editor

Commissioners almost beat their record on holding short meetings with Monday's meeting lasting just over thirty minutes.

The agenda was so short that one was not even passed out to members of the news media present.

County Engineer Randy Tindell was first to address the commission and he had some good news.

"We were successful in obtaining some extra federal aid funds for the replacement of a bridge over Stanley Mill Creek on Co. Rd. 442," said Tindell.

He requested the commission pass a resolution authorizing the commission chairman to sign the necessary paperwork entering into an agreement with the state for the construction of that bridge.

The bridge and road is located in the Perry Store Community.

Tindell also asked that he be allowed to send out bid requests for the commission chairman to sign the necessary paperwork entering into an agreement with the state for the construction of that bridge.

He called commissioners' attention to two legislative acts dealing with garbage which were discussed during the convention.

One was Act No. 712 which dealt with the criminal littering statute and the other was Act No. 636 concerning exemptions for payment of solid waste collection fees.

Basically, Act 712 allows a county or municipality to bring ac-

tion against an individual for criminal littering based on evidence that creates rebuttable presumption.

Under Section 13A-7-29(f), the officer of the governing body must provide the suspected person with that he or she knowingly deposited the following:

1.) That items (bank statements, utility bills, bank card bills & other

financial documents) found in an accumulation of garbage contain his or her name;

2.) That there is a "rebuttable presumption" under § 13A-7-29(a)(1) provide the suspected person with that he or she knowingly deposited the litter;

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Owen Ziglar's fourth & final trial underway in Elba

by Marvin McLain - Editor

afternoon. Ziglar cannot be convicted of any charge greater than that of manslaughter. Should he be convicted, he could be sentenced up to 20 years in prison.

Monday afternoon, Assistant District Attorney Al Smith gave the opening argument for the state. He was convicted on the lesser charge of manslaughter in a 1991 trial.

In 1993, the 1991 conviction was overturned by the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals and a new trial was ordered. The appeals court ruled that Ziglar's estranged wife was forced to testify against him.

The case was retried (second trial) in December of 1994 and the jury was unable to reach a verdict, thus causing a mistrial to be declared.

On Friday afternoon, May 10, 1996, Owen Ziglar's third trial ended in a hung jury with a mistrial being declared by Circuit Judge William "Bill" Barr late in the afternoon.

Ziglar is being represented by Richard Whitaker and Stafford Pittman, both of Enterprise.

The jury began hearing testimony in the case Tuesday morning.

Enterprise murder suspects' preliminary hearings postponed

by Marvin McLain - Editor

The preliminary hearings for two men charged with an Enterprise murder were postponed.

Kassey Bernard Reedy, 25, of Enterprise, and Marcus Antonio Jones, 26, of Daleville, were both supposed to have a preliminary hearing on Wednesday, August 20. They did not.

The two men were arrested and have been charged with the July 28 murder of Howard Jenkins, 41, an assistant manager of an Enterprise grocery store.

Reedy is being represented by Richard "Cracker" Waldrop; however, Jones failed to secure an attorney to represent him during the preliminary hearing.

Jones has since made application for an attorney to be appointed by the court.

District Judge Steve Blair rescheduled preliminary hearing for both defendants on Wednesday, August 27, at 3:00 p.m.

Should Jones and Reedy be tried and found guilty of the capital murder charge, they could be facing the electric chair or life in prison. District Attorney Mark Fuller has indicated that the state will be seeking the death penalty in the case.

City of Elba Garbage Collection Week of Sept. 1

Monday - No pickup; Monday's route will be picked up on Tuesday; Tuesday's & Wednesday's route will be picked up on Wednesday; Thursday's and Friday's routes will be collected as usual.

* * HAPPENINGS * *

FOGGY BOTTOM FESTIVAL. The Elba Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a "Miss Foggy Bottom" Pageant in conjunction with Fogg Bottom Festival on Saturday, September 6, 1997. The festival and pageant, as well as many other activities, will be held in Miller Memorial Stadium in downtown Elba. The day's activities will begin at 12:00 noon and conclude with a concert by Rob & Kelly Hudson and Nashville band at 6:00 p.m. Tickets for the concert are now on sale. The cost is \$5. For additional information call the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGED. The New Brockton Town Council will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. in lieu of September 1. The meeting will be held in the town hall.

ELBA CITY HALL TO CLOSE. The City of Elba will be closed Monday, September 1, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Standby crews with the street and water & electric department will be available for emergencies. To report these emergencies call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555.

RESERVE SEATING & PARKING. Reserve seats and one-year reserved parking are now available for Elba High School's home football games in Tiger Stadium. Contact Pam Baker at Elba High School @ 897-2266.

NEWS BRIEFS

A thief with no conscience stole the U. S. Marine Corps flag from Veterans Memorial Park located on U. S. Hwy. 84E. A \$1,000 reward is being offered to the person providing information leading to the arrest of person(s) responsible for the theft. Call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555 or Crimestoppers at 897-3881.

Local law enforcement and several volunteers spent several hours searching for a Zion Chapel youth Monday night. The youngster, Jeffery Boutwell, 13, was last seen at approximately 5:20 p.m. running into a wooded area west of AL Hwy. 87 near the Jack Post Office. Coffee County Sheriff's deputies, aided by an Alabama State Trooper Helicopter and tracking dogs from the state prison in Clio, searched the wooded area. The youth finally came out of the woods and went to his grandfather's house. The search ended shortly before midnight. Assisting authorities in the search were volunteer firemen, and numerous friends and neighbors. The youth gave no reason to authorities for his actions.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

We share the concern of those upset with the missing Marine Corps flag from the Veterans Memorial Park. This is a family oriented newspaper; therefore the strongest words usable are "low-life rogue" as used in a letter from National Security President Jack R. Brunson. Forgive our thoughts, but we would like to use much stronger language in describing personal opinions of those who removed the flag. It is easy to understand the anger of National Security officials as they offer the \$1,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible, but we doubt they will have to ever pay out that money, unless the "low-life rogue(s)" just had to brag about their exploits to "someone of a little better character. Frankly, if we personally knew the "low-life rogue," we would rather turn this person over to the Marine veterans mentioned in the Letter to the Editor, than accept the \$1,000 reward.

The Alabama Legislature is still determined to include those pet "pork" projects in the general fund and education budgets being considered in this special legislative session, either in spite of Governor James' position of opposition or maybe because of it. Politics does create some weird alignments at times. The question now arises in our mind "What will Rob James do this time if the lawmakers send him one, or both, budgets with all the same pork as in the ones he vetoed last spring?"

Looking over the special appropriations in the budgets being considered by either the House or the Senate, we see several that should be considered out-and-out stealing of taxpayers' money. Of course, none of those destined for "our folks" would fall into that stealing category! We are especially critical of appropriations which send tax money only to certain cities for combating youth problems ... every community in Alabama needs money to tackle these situations. If tax money is going to be used for this, send it out to all ... the money is collected from all. Then there are the \$300,000 to \$500,000 checks planned for projects the sponsor considers almost equal to God, Country and Apple Pie. Some of these are really worthwhile, but only to the people in a local area; therefore it is suggested from this corner that those people in that local area hold some bake sales, etc. and leave the tax dollars alone.

Last week this newspaper carried several pictures about the archaeological digging at the intersection of the Troy Highway and U.S. 84. It is interesting to think about what happened "back then." Friday afternoon a visitor to our office made all that even more exciting. Apparently the dig crew has found two levels of history in that location. The Indians were from many hundreds of years ago, the "arrowhead" is actually a spear point used prior to the Indians learning about the bow and arrow. In addition to the Indian artifacts, they also found evidence of a saw mill and pottery kiln from the late 1800's. Now the quest is for more information (any information) of who, what, when, where and how of this saw mill and pottery operation. Anyone with any tidbit of information is urged to let us know and we will pass it on. It is our opinion that some enterprising saw mill owner opened the pottery kiln operation to utilize the slabs from the sawmill as fuel for firing the pottery, but who ... and why did they quit? We suspect some of our readers can answer all those questions by digging back into Grandma's trunk.

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

AUGUST 18 Thru AUGUST 24, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, August 18, 1997, investigated the following incidents: five thefts of property; three assaults; one burglary; one missing person; one harassment; and one criminal mischief.

Arrests made during the week include: three for theft of property, and one for VPL.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: two for speeding, one for improper passing, one for failure to yield right-of-way, two for driving while driver's license is suspended, one for driving while driver's license is revoked, and one for an expired tag.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
MONDAY, AUGUST 18 - Rescue run to Kendrick Apts. (4:06 a.m.); River stage - 4.60 feet (6:00 a.m.); Alarm at Elba General Hospital (8:30 a.m.).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19 - Rescue run to a residence on Whitman St. (2:47 a.m.); River stage - 5.26 feet (6:32 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Old Sanson Road (11:32 a.m.).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20 - River stage - 4.35 feet (6:27 a.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on Co. Rd. 215 (3:18 p.m.); Burglary reported on Co. Rd. 509 (10:41 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Cherokee Lane (10:44 p.m.).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21 - Fire department and rescue units dispatched to house fire on Brantley highway (1:09 a.m.); River stage - 5.49 feet (6:20 a.m.); Burglary reported on Co. Rd. 509 (11:51 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to Dorsey Trailers (11:43 p.m.).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22 - Alarm at The Big/Little Store East (2:29 a.m.); River stage - 5.12 feet (6:31 a.m.); Alarm at The Peoples Bank (4:55 p.m.).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23 - Disturbance (possible fight) reported on Martin Luther King Dr. near Burch's Trailer Court (2:44 a.m.); River stage - 5.15 feet (6:16 a.m.); Wreck reported on AL Hwy. 1898 (7:27 a.m.); Disturbance reported at Smith-Harper Apts. (9:17 a.m.).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 - River stage - 4.88 feet (6:29 a.m.); Alarm at the National Guard Armory on Larkin Road (1:54 p.m.); Fight reported near Razzo's (9:34 p.m.).

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- LISTING 259 -** 227 Dr. Roberts Dr. 4-BR, 2-B. \$26,500.
- LISTING 269 -** Hwy. 87 N. 22 Acres. Building. Small pond. \$50,000.
- LISTING 270 -** Hwy. 87 N. 3-BR, 3-B. 3 Acres. \$97,000.
- LISTING 271 -** Co. Rd. 360. 7.7 Acre. Well. Septic tank. Power pole. \$13,500.
- LISTING 272 -** Co. Rd. 201. 25.2 Acre. 3-bedroom, 2-bath. MH-pond. \$54,000.
- LISTING 273 -** 119 Durham. New Brockton. 3-bedroom, 1-bath. \$25,000.
- LISTING 275 -** Hwy. 189. 4-BR, 3-B. Frame Home. 2 Acre. 3 septic tanks. 2-BR, 1-B. MH. \$89,900.
- LISTING 276 -** 959 Sunset Blvd. 4-BR, 2-B. Lot. Office. \$89,500.
- LISTING 277 -** Rt. 4, Box 238 (Basin). 4-BR, 2-B. MH. 1.27 Acre. \$34,900.
- LISTING 278 -** 1143 Oak Ave. 3-BR, 2-B. Large lot. \$75,000.
- LISTING 279 -** Hwy. 125. 3-BR, 2-B. Over 2,000 sq. ft. 2 Acres. \$127,000.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ferrin,

The Elba Clipper is one of the oldest businesses in Elba - 100 years old this year.

It is interesting to note that Smith Bros., a retail store located in New-Town, was established in 1910, and was the oldest business under one ownership.

The building, owned by L.M. Burch, is still standing, and should be purchased by the city, renovated, and placed on the National Register of Historical Locations, according to the Alabama Historical Commission.

The oldest retail business, but not under one ownership, was Elba Drug Co., established 96 years ago, in 1901.

Elba celebrated its centennial birthday in 1953; the mayor of the town at that time was L.P. Mullins.

Councilmen were Dr. C.P. Hayes, Sam B. Young, Shelby Morrow, Alva DeVane, and Stokes Haire.

Chief of Police was J.W. (Doc) Parker; T.D. Kendrick was city clerk and boasted with pride of the city's accomplishments.

The history of Elba's growth began in 1830, when Mr. McLane established a ferry at what is now Claxton and Polk Streets.

On Dec. 29, 1841, Coffee County was created out of Dale County by an act of the Legislature. The county was named after Gen. John Coffee of Lauderdale County, who had served in the War of 1812.

The Legislature designated Wetmore, about a mile from Damascus, as the county seat. Elba's name was taken from a hat, and the city has a colorful history, being incorporated on May 7, 1853, by an election of the citizens.

The citizens of our community had gathered to discuss a name and could not agree on what to name our town. It was decided that each person should write the name of his choice on a slip of paper and put it in a hat, and the name drawn from the hat should be designated as the community's name.

A member of the group, John B. Simmons, had been reading about Napoleon Bonaparte and had written the word, "Elba," on the slip of paper he put in the hat, and this happened to be the name drawn.

Elba had other names before it was incorporated. It was founded in about 1840 as Bridgeville, but was changed in 1850 to Bentonville, in honor of Senator Thomas Hart Benton of Missouri, who served in Alabama during the Creek War - 1814-1818.

Elba has been the county seat of Coffee County since 1852. The first Elba courthouse, a two-story white frame building completed in 1853, was burned by "Ward's Raiders," a band of Confederate deserters, bushwhackers and Tories, in 1863.

In 1867 a replacement was built, and in 1881 that building was sold and moved, and the first brick courthouse was completed in 1882.

In about 1852, by an election of the citizens, the main part of town was moved to a half-mile from the river, with all streets leading from the square. Streets were named after leading citizens.

The current courthouse was completed in 1903. In that same year the Legislature passed a law, later declared unconstitutional, establishing a branch courthouse in Enterprise.

In 1907 another act was passed that made provisions for a separate judicial district centered in Enterprise and provided for branches of all principal county offices to be located there.

The third Enterprise courthouse, completed in 1924, has recently been torn down, and a new one is currently under construction.

The Coffee County Courthouse in Elba has been selected for entrance in the National Register of Historical Locations, according to the Alabama Historical Commission.

The Elba courthouse is a two-story brick Romanesque structure with Richardsonian influences. It has twin turrets and a square clock tower rising between them, above the front entrance and balcony.

In closing I salute "The Elba Clipper" for the timely and accurate publication of the news of the area and say "Happy Centennial."

Sincerely,
JACK PARKER

Dear Mr. Ferrin,

As the new school year opens, many changes are taking place at Elba High School. We have many new faces as new students, teachers, and coaches join our "Elba Tiger Team." New classes are being created as our enrollment increases and graduation requirements are strengthened.

A new road provides additional access to our school complex, and our new baseball and softball fields will open this year.

For many years, Elba High School has had a journalism class. Changes are also occurring here. We have a new photography company, and we are trying to work out problems that have arisen in working with them. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience and hope that the public will bear with us until this is resolved.

As a former graduate of Elba High School, I was pleased to be offered the position of journalism teacher this year. I have an excellent staff who has worked all summer preparing for this year and planning to produce the highest quality publications possible. My students are very hardworking and enthusiastic, and we are all excited about this year. We are producing a daily TV news show called "Tiger Pulse," our own monthly school newspaper called "Tiger Times," and the Elba High School page in the Elba Clipper called "Tiger Tales." We are also working diligently on the 1998 Elba Yearbook. We believe that you will be pleased when you receive the book next fall.

The Elba Staff will begin selling ads for the yearbook on October 6, 1997. Graduation ads forms were sent out before school began. If you are a parent of a senior and did not receive your information, please call us at 897-2122. We want each senior to have the opportunity to send a special message to his/her senior in his/her last Elba yearbook. We realize that many businesses have purchased ads for the football program and band calendar.

We hope that you will also support the 1998 Elba yearbook by purchasing ads from our staff when they approach you. Without your support, we will not be able to produce the quality yearbook that has been a tradition at Elba High School for many years.

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Dear Mr. Ferrin,

As the new school year opens, many changes are taking place at Elba High School. We have many new faces as new students, teachers, and coaches join our "Elba Tiger Team." New classes are being created as our enrollment increases and graduation requirements are strengthened.

A new road provides additional access to our school complex, and our new baseball and softball fields will open this year.

For many years, Elba High School has had a journalism class. Changes are also occurring here. We have a new photography company, and we are trying to work out problems that have arisen in working with them. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience and hope that the public will bear with us until this is resolved.

As a former graduate of Elba High School, I was pleased to be offered the position of journalism teacher this year. I have an excellent staff who has worked all summer preparing for this year and planning to produce the highest quality publications possible. My students are very hardworking and enthusiastic, and we are all excited about this year. We are producing a daily TV news show called "Tiger Pulse," our own monthly school newspaper called "Tiger Times," and the Elba High School page in the Elba Clipper called "Tiger Tales." We are also working diligently on the 1998 Elba Yearbook. We believe that you will be pleased when you receive the book next fall.

The Elba Staff will begin selling ads for the yearbook on October 6, 1997. Graduation ads forms were sent out before school began. If you are a parent of a senior and did not receive your information, please call us at 897-2122. We want each senior to have the opportunity to send a special message to his/her senior in his/her last Elba yearbook. We realize that many businesses have purchased ads for the football program and band calendar.

We hope that you will also support the 1998 Elba yearbook by purchasing ads from our staff when they approach you. Without your support, we will not be able to produce the quality yearbook that has been a tradition at Elba High School for many years.

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Social & Community Happenings

MacArthur Tech to hold graduation ceremony

MacArthur State Technical College will hold its graduation ceremony on Thursday, Aug. 28, at 7 p.m. in the main auditorium. The ceremony will be held in the main auditorium of the college, which is located at 1000 N. Main St., Elba, Ala. The ceremony will be held in the main auditorium of the college, which is located at 1000 N. Main St., Elba, Ala. The ceremony will be held in the main auditorium of the college, which is located at 1000 N. Main St., Elba, Ala.

Hayden Chandler is one year old

Hayden Chandler celebrated his first birthday on June 7. Helping him celebrate his special day were his mother and daddy, Tasha and Keith Chandler, great-grandmother, Maureen Nunn, Grandmother and Granddaddy, Travis and Susan Nunn, Nana, Patsy Chandler, Pop, Jerry Chandler, as well as aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Theme for Hayden's party was "101 Dalmatians."



Hayden Chandler

The Enterprise Fall Festival scheduled for Oct. 11

The Enterprise Fall Festival is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11, 1997. The Fall Festival is an arts & crafts show that offers local craftsmen and women the opportunity to sell their crafts to the public on Main Street, and encourages downtown goodwill in the Enterprise area. Interested craft persons should contact Pam Ray or Deb Pierce at (334) 393-3233 not later than September 30th, 1997 for additional information and to register. All crafts, food, entertainment, and civic organizations (a variety is desired) are encouraged to participate. The Fall Festival is sponsored by Downtown Unlimited.

Lashley Reunion to be held Saturday, August 30

The Lashley Reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 30, in Westville, Ala., beginning at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. This reunion includes descendants of Aco Lashley and Annie Wright Lashley. All friends and relatives are invited. For more information call 850/956-2194 or 850/956-2978.

Historical tour of Ireland is planned for spring of 1998

Dr. Jack Oden, History instructor at Enterprise State Junior College and Mr. Lester Nichols, History teacher at Davisville High School, are coordinating a tour of Ireland in the spring of 1998. The dates are March 27 through April 4, 1998. The tour is open to all interested persons. The cost is \$1,671 for an adult and \$1,531 for those under 21. This price includes round trip air fare via Atlanta, seven nights hotel accommodations in Ireland, breakfast and dinner daily, ground transportation in Ireland, guided sightseeing and entrance fees, and a tour guide. To secure the price quoted above, an application and deposit of \$395 per person must be made by October 10, 1997. The balance is due December 1st. For applications and/or information contact Dr. Jack Oden at 347-7831 or Mr. Lester Nichols at 684-3278.

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Birthday Celebration - Catherine Tonnelle Carpenter, Elba, celebrated her 22nd birthday on Aug. 15. She is the daughter of R.C. and Annie Pearl Carpenter.
Her grandparents are Hattie Bell Carpenter and the late Rayfield Carpenter, Elba, and the late William and Inez Middleton, Andalusia.

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Cathryn Carpenter

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Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-11
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Area graduates include Timothy C. Flowers, Elba, and Joshua A. Prescott, Jack - Air Conditioning and Refrigeration; Barclay C. Wallace, New Brockton - Automotive Body Repair; Ronald E. Price, Elba - Automotive Mechanics; Arthurine Pitts, Brantley, Willie J. Stoudmire, Elba; Rebecca J. Dickey, Glenwood; Angela L. Head, New Brockton - Barbering; Huey G. Daniels, Elba, William J. Jones, Jack, and Diane K. Wilson, Kinross - Carpentry and Cabinetmaking; Tracey R. Burnett, Brantley; Suzanne Parker and Monica L. Stringer, Elba; Tiffany S. Bass, Jack; Angela L. Head, New Brockton - Cosmetology; James R. Sexton, Elba - Computer Science; Timothy G. Young, Brantley - Drafting & Design Technology; Jerome G. Early and Ron D. Williams, Kinross - Industrial Electronics Technology; Alicia Y. Burnett and Katherine Oates, Brantley; Sandra T. Flowers, Elba - Nursing Assistant; Kimberly A. Cooper, Felicia A. Jernigan, and Christie L. Mitchell, New Brockton - Practical Nursing; Rosa M. Carroll and Sharon L. Horn, Brantley; Caprina N. Mount, Elba; Mary J. Pettus, Glenwood; Heather R. Berry, Kinross; and Natasha B. Edwards, New Brockton - Secretarial Technology; Helen L. Samson and Marjorie K. Sansom, Kinross - Upholstery Design Interiors; Jerrod A. Wood, Goshen, and Gary S. Hayes, Kinross - Welding.



Marcell Cole

Alonzo Marcell Cole - a multi-talented young man: Alonzo Marcell Cole is the 19-year-old son of Lula and Lorinzer (Red) Cole of Elba. He is a 1996 graduate of Elba High School.

He has been on the staff of Virgil Coleman Mortuary for several years, and has enrolled at Jefferson State College in Birmingham for more training in mortuary science (Aug. 97).

In pursuing his career in becoming a mortician, he gives thanks to God and is appreciative of all his family and the staff at Coleman Funeral Home has done to give him a chance to get more training in his career.

His hobbies are fishing, playing music, and working with computers. Marcell is the grandson of Kathleen Williams and the late Thomas Williams and Talmadge and Versie Cole, all of Elba.

God bless you, Marcell, in all your endeavors.

***Family and Friends Day, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, N. Sasser St., P.O. Box 103, Brantley, Ala. 36609; Elder Carter L. Hall, pastor, Sept. 7.

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School; 11 a.m. - regular order of worship. Program at 3 p.m.; theme - "Striving to Make New Friends in Christ Jesus Every Time We Meet in Worship," master of Order, Brother Henry Baugh.

The Berean Baptist Church Choir will render music. Devotional by visiting officers, welcome by Sis. Lillian Mitchell, occasion by Sis. Regina Tillis, Offering - Sis. Brenda Christian and Bro. Ollie Baugh, Rev. C. L. Hall will introduce the guest speaker, Afternoon message - Rev. Lonnie C. Anderson, pastor of the Berean Baptist Church, Marion, Ala.; invitation to Christ; acknowledgments - Sis. Mattie Dorsey; remarks, benediction, pastor L.E. Anderson.

***Youth Need to Know: African American History - August.

***Monthly Motivation: There are four rungs on the ladder of success: Plan purposefully, prepare prayerfully, proceed positively and pursue persistently.

African American Folklore ***Did you know? Jackie Robinson was the first African American inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, N.Y.

***Question: How many people participated in the March on Washington led by Dr. Martin Luther King in 1963? Answer: 250,000.

***Question: Who was the first African American to travel in space? Answer: Guion Bluford, aboard the Challenger as a mission specialist in 1983.

***Question: How many songs did Duke Ellington compose during his lifetime? Answer: More than a thousand.

***Question: What was the first African American Catholic church in the United States? Answer: Xavier College, all of Elba.

Black History Calendar

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Everybody needs a little help now and then. When schedules get hectic at the Gray house, I can always count on the dear woman I married to pull me out of a crisis. This week she is wearing a new hat as my "ghost writer." Thanks, Mary.

"Sweet Tea" by Mary Gray

I visited our neighboring state of Georgia a few days ago and experienced an awakening. I made the trip with a friend to attend a seminar. We arrived late on a Sunday afternoon and decided to eat supper at a diner near our hotel. After the long drive, I could think of nothing more refreshing than a tall glass of sweet tea. I placed my order and was disappointed to learn only unsweet was available but, I accepted. The next day brought a morning of meetings and a sultry southern day. Lunch came just in time with me determined to find sweet tea. I crossed the busy Atlanta street and entered a local grill. In the interest of time, I placed an order to go. I made my request for sweet tea only to be told "no one makes sweet tea these days, we let everyone mix their own poison." I began to think possibly I was on foreign soil.

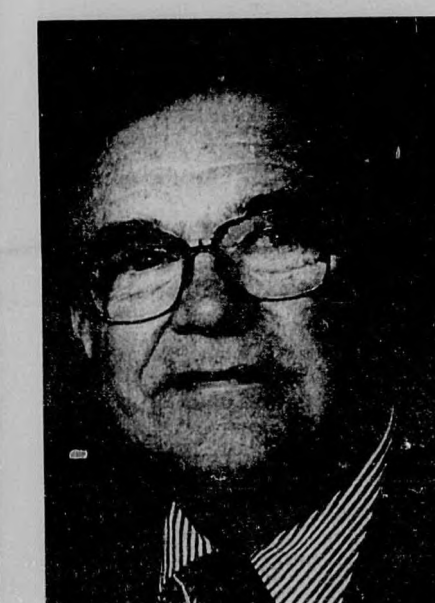
The next day was much the same and I continued my quest for sweet tea. I decided to give the hotel restaurant a try. Surely, they were serving sweet tea. A delightful southern gentleman was my waiter. You know, one of those who calls you "young lady." We enjoyed a minute or so of light conversation and then I made my request for sweet tea. A waiter at a nearby table overheard my order and said, "Now that's Southern," to which my waiter promptly replied, "We are in the South." As you can well imagine, by this time I was sure I was visiting a foreign land.

I found the situation quite amusing after some thought. Only a few weeks ago a Northern friend came for a visit and said she knew she was in the South when Taco Bell had sweet tea on the menu. I advise her to beware of Atlanta. The city that made the Southern mold has an obvious flaw.

John 7:37 tells us, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in Me, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. When everything around us seems to fall and crumble it is Jesus who picks us up, dusts us off and gives us that refreshing drink of living water. In receiving living water, we should be good stewards and share it with those around us. Often we focus our energy on sharing with those in a foreign land, when our next-door neighbor is in desperate need of refreshment. Be careful of complacency with the one next to you. You may miss the opportunity to share the "living water."

My stay in Atlanta left me thirsty for sweet tea and I couldn't find a glass soon enough when I arrived home. I have decided that on my next visit to Atlanta I will do a little mission work and introduce those fine folk to the Southern Joy of "Sweet Tea."

Retirement Reception to be held for Rev. Ray Foreman



Rev. A. Ray Foreman

A retirement reception honoring Rev. A. Ray Foreman will be held Sunday, Aug. 31, at First Baptist Church, Leeds, Ala., from 2 until 4 in the afternoon.

Area churches Rev. Foreman served included Glenwood Baptist and Mt. Gilead Baptist.

He will make his home in Leeds and will be available for supply and interim work.

The public is invited to attend. For more information call First Baptist Church in Leeds at 205/699-6141.

Gospel sing to be held at Mt. Vernon Assembly

There will be a gospel sing, Sunday morning August 31st at 11:00 A.M. at Mount Vernon Assembly of God. The Scroggins Sisters from Lucedale MS will be singing and ministering.

DEADLINE FOR CHURCH NEWS IS MONDAY!!!



Staff Sgt. Melonie Murphy (left) of Dothan reviews regulations and duty rosters with Capt. Sara Oglesby of Elba while the two were attending their 15-day annual training period at Camp Shelby, Miss., August 9-23. Oglesby serves as Headquarters Company commander in the Alabama Army National Guard's 31st Support Battalion in Enterprise. In their civilian jobs, Murphy works as a buyer and Oglesby as an alcohol therapist.

Livingston Press is soliciting stories for an anthology

Livingston Press, a no-profit department of The University of West Alabama, is soliciting stories or self-contained chapters of novels for an anthology of contemporary Alabama women writers.

This will be a companion volume to both Alabama Poets and Alabama Bound: Contemporary Stories by Alabama Women.

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Occupants of new Enterprise Courthouse settling in nicely

by Marvin McLain - Editor

The occupants of the temporary courthouse annex in Enterprise are settling in nicely.

"I actually have a better office than I had..."
Judge Gammill

A recent visit to the old Post Office in Enterprise revealed a very full building of people, records and furniture; however, everyone seems to be coping with the "closeness" rather well.



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When it was decided to tear down the old Enterprise Courthouse Annex, a place for the "residents" of that facility had to be found. The recently vacated Enterprise Post Office building was rented by the county for \$2,000 a month.

The demolition of the old courthouse has been completed and construction has begun on the new \$4.75 million dollar Enterprise Courthouse Annex. Officially, the facility is to be ready in eighteen months.

The offices of the Coffee County Probate Judge, Circuit Judges, District Judge, Circuit Clerk, and Revenue Commissioner are presently being housed in the rented facility.

Probate Judge William O. Gammill stated that everything was going well with his office.

"I actually have a better office than I had in the old courthouse," said Judge Gammill.

He also noted that the records are more accessible to the public because of the added space where they are currently being kept.

The only "real problem" that he

has encountered has been in not having enough telephone lines, but "we'll make it," Gammill said.

Presiding Circuit Judge Gary L. McAliley, said the judges were faring well in the cramped quarters; however, justice is being served.

"It could be worse - we could be outside..."
Judge McAliley

"It could be worse - we could be outside, and we've done that in the past," said Judge McAliley.

The judge was referring to the time when he held court on the porch of the Elba Courthouse when there was no place to hold court. He was District Judge at the time and all the courtrooms (one at that time) were in use leaving him no place to convene court.

Some court proceedings (hearings involving lawyers and clients) are being held at the facility, but trials

will be held at the Enterprise City Hall (in the city council chamber) and the Civic Center.

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Ellis said that he had encountered a few problems with not being able to keep all the court records in his temporary office; however, the challenge is being met - it just takes a little time to supply the information needed by the courts.

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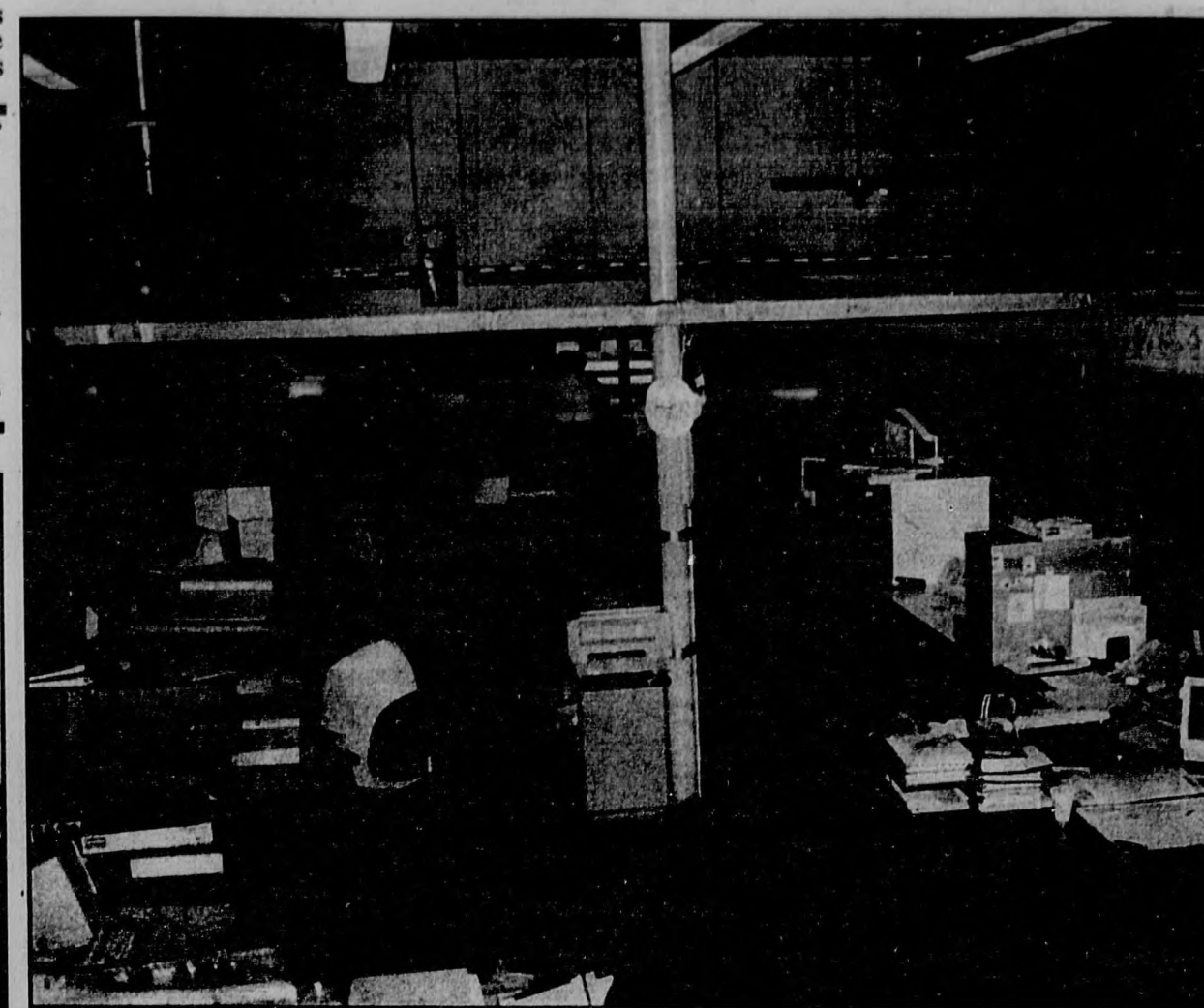
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Alberta Martin, oldest living Confederate Widow, receives national recognition

by Linda Hodge
Elba High School graduate
and journalism student at
Troy State University

Alberta Martin receives recognition by being the last living Confederate widow, and she is able to participate in historical events because of this recognition.

Martin, a resident of Elba, Ala., received this recognition officially last year after it was discovered that she, a widow of a Confederate soldier, should be receiving a pension designed for the families of Civil War soldiers.

When Martin married William Jasper Martin on Dec. 12, 1927, she was already a widow and mother. Martin said that she met her husband at a local country store where he played dominoes with the other men. She would talk to him over a fence beside the store.

They were an unlikely couple because she was 21 and he was 81. Martin said that she married the elderly man because he was a good man, and he was good to her. Neither the age difference nor his war in the war made a difference to her. Together they had one son, William Oren Martin.

While attending a meeting of Confederate soldiers in Montgomery in 1932, Mr. Martin became ill. He was sent home and died eight days later. A short while later, Martin married again. She married Jasper Martin, a grandson to William Jasper Martin from a previous marriage. The two remained married until his death in 1983.

At that time, Martin became eligible for the pension, but no one was aware of it.

In 1966, Dr. Kenneth Chancey, Commander of Col. William C. Oates Camp #809 and power of attorney for Alberta Martin, became aware of Martin's situation and found a law that allowed Martin to begin receiving her pensions.

The war between the states was the watershed event in the history of the constitution of the United States, said Chancey. "Alberta Martin is our last link to the war."

Chancey insists that the importance of Martin is not that she is receiving pensions because she was married to a Confederate soldier, but she was married to a man who fought in one of the most brutal wars throughout history.

"He didn't talk about it much," Martin said when asked what her husband told her about the war. "He did believe that he was fighting for our freedom."

Martin said that about the only thing her husband told her about the war was that they would have to put sticks over the streams of water after



Mrs. Alberta Martin

it rained to keep from sleeping in the water.

It depended on what they had gone through as to whether a soldier spoke of the war," said Patrick Harris, professor and chairman of the History Department at Troy State University. "If the soldier saw a lot of brutal fighting, he was more reluctant to talk about the war."

Harris said that Confederate soldiers believed that they were fighting for their independence where as the Union Soldier fought to restore the Union and destroy slavery.

Chancey believes that the Civil War was very important in regard to the constitution. He said that it is a part of the heritage for the South and should not be let to die. This is why he was so dedicated to helping Martin receive her pension once he learned of her status.

"I read an article on Alberta Martin and decided to look into her situation," said Chancey in regard to how he got involved. "I found a law for the pension and with the help of a few other people, I filed for the pension."

Before Martin was granted the pension, the motion had to go through state and federal agencies. The motion was approved and at that point Martin began receiving her pension and was recognized as the last living Confederate widow. Neither Martin nor Chancey would elaborate on the amount of the pension.

Dr. Chancey wanted to give it a try and he did," Martin said. "I know I would have never gotten anything if it were not for him. It doesn't make me high-headed. I'm just proud to be honored."

Martin enjoyed a special event recently when she met one of the two remaining Union widows. There were no hard feelings when Martin, 90, met Daisy Anderson, 97, during ceremonies held at Gettysburg National Military Park on July 1, 1997.

The day was filled with special moments as the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Sons of Union Veterans brought the two ladies together.

The day's events began with breakfast at Lee's Headquarters. It had been previously arranged by park officials to allow Martin the chance to eat with Lee's silverware.

"I was honored when they let me eat breakfast with General Robert E. Lee's silverware," said Martin. "They took them away quickly after I finished eating though."

"You could see that a certain chemistry developed between the two ladies," said Rick Griffin, Lt. Commander in Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Martin and Anderson met at Lee's Headquarters before going to funeral services held for an unknown soldier of the Civil War. The bones of the soldier were found last year by archaeologists.

"The best part of the day was having the two ladies meet," said Art Twigg, representative for Lee's Headquarters Museum at Gettysburg National Military Park. "It was a once in a lifetime experience. It will never happen again, but I wish it would."

"It was awful nice to meet her," said Martin. "She is just a sweet person. I wish they would have given us more time to talk though. They kept us so busy that we didn't get to talk much during the day."

After meeting, the ladies joined the procession for the unknown soldier. Both the colorguard for the Confederacy and the Union were present at the funeral.

"It was the most reverent funeral I've ever attended," said Chancey. "Tears came to my eyes."

The widows participated in the funeral by each placing a red rose on the casket. They each placed a rose because it is unknown if the soldier was Confederate or Union.

"It was sad to me," said Martin. "Tears were coming to my eyes. It was good that they let me and Mrs. Anderson put the roses on the casket because they don't know which side the soldier fought for in the war."

The day's events also included a significant handshake between the two ladies. The handshake was meant to symbolize that of the soldiers who used to meet at "Bloody Angle" and shake hands after the war ended. It was a handshake which signified that the war was over.

To see the two ladies shake hands was very electrifying," said Griffin. "It was a handshake with meaning and purpose. The ladies show the spirit of unity and healing of the wounds that may still exist."

STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING WINNER - The Coffee County 4-H Livestock Judging team placed second at the state contest held in Auburn. Shown (l-r) are: Raymond Jones, Alabama Cattlemen's Association; Alex Schieffer, Matt Windham, Rachel Carroll, LeAnn Griffin, assistant coach Matthew Farris and County Agent Stan Windham. This team will represent Alabama at the regional contest in Virginia in late October. (Not pictured are Charlie Schieffer, also an assistant coach and Bucky Carlisle, team member).



STATE 4-H MEATS JUDGING WINNER - The Coffee County 4-H Meats Judging team placed second at the state contest held in Auburn. Shown (l-r) are: Raymond Jones, Alabama Cattlemen's Association; Justin Campbell, Crystal Burrows, Paul McMonagle, Justin Hughes, assistant coach Cornelius Burrows, and county agent Stan Windham. This team will represent Alabama at the regional contest in Colorado in January, 1998.

Atmore's Williams Station Day to be held in October

The Atmore Area Chamber of Commerce is still accepting applications for Atmore's Williams Station Day, a railroad heritage festival celebrating Atmore's history which dates back to 1866 when Atmore, then named Williams Station, was a supply stop along the Mobile and Great Northern railroad. Because of the heritage theme of this festival, traditional folk artists and craftsmen are encouraged to participate. Special incentives are available for demonstrating craftsman: quilters, potters, basket makers, etc., who qualify in this category.

Art show applications may be requested by contacting Emilie Mims at the Atmore Area Chamber of Commerce, 501 South Pensacola Avenue, Atmore, AL 36502, (334) 368-3305. Prizes in the fine arts and crafts show include a \$500 Best of Show and 10/\$100 Awards of Merit. Over \$10,000 has been committed to the Patrons of the Arts program.

Food vendor applications are available by contacting Mitch Staples at United Bank, P.O. Box 8, Atmore, AL 36504, (334) 368-2255.

ESJC wins two awards for public relations efforts
Enterprise State Junior College won a second place Award of Achievement in two categories: single sheet flyer/direct mail piece and radio advertisement/public service announcement. The college's Creative Writing Club won a third place Award of Merit for its annual literary collection, *The Corinthian*.

"I was extremely proud of the students in the Creative Writing Club for their third place," says Montez Vickers, Director of Public Relations at ESJC, and the club's sponsor. "The club has only been in existence for 16 months, and *The Corinthian* this year was their first effort at a literary collection. The judges commented that it was a good combination of artwork and the written word and that a number of the poems showed a great deal of talent."

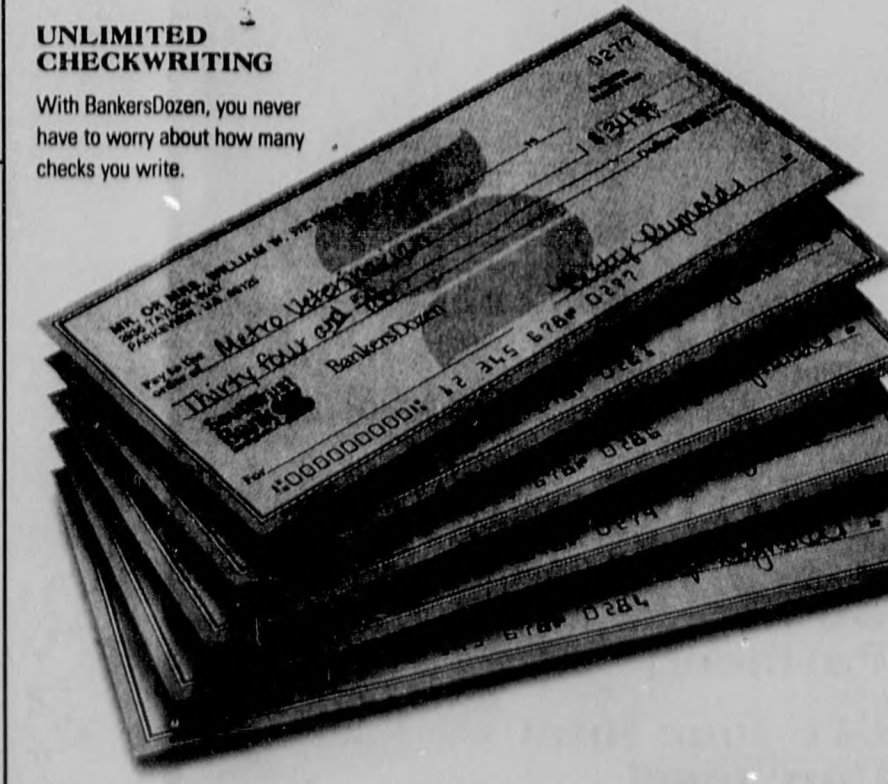
The Handy and Andy Boutwell Reunion to be held August 31

The Boutwell reunion will be held Sunday, August 31, at the Victoria Community Building. This reunion includes descendants of Handy and Andy Boutwell.

A covered dish dinner is planned. For more information call 897-3284 or 735-0079.



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WHOPPER OF A MELON... Willie Hooks is pictured above with the watermelon that weighed in at more than 70 pounds. The melon was grown by Charles Hooks; however, he would not disclose the location of the giant watermelon patch.

U.S. Postal Service of Dothan considering changes

The United States Postal Service is presently considering the relocation of Dothan mail processing operations currently performed in Panama City, FL to Montgomery, AL. This study was initiated by a review of customer feedback over the past two years by local management. The Montgomery facility is equipped with the latest in automated equipment.

The move also allows the postal service to stay on track with our goal

New computer course announced at ESJC for fall

Computer and Information Science students at Enterprise State Junior College will be able to take Microcomputer Operating System this fall quarter from 9:15 to 10:20 a.m. This is a required course for the new certificate in Computer Maintenance Technology.

This course covers a description of the microcomputer operating system, the system commands, and effective and efficient use of the microcomputer with the aid of its system programs. For more information about this and other computer and information science courses, contact Dr. Sue Baum at 334-393-ESJC, ext. 260.

Fall quarter classes begin at Enterprise State Junior College on September 5.

Elba Training Center to offer tutorial program

The Elba Youth and Training Center, located at the old Mulberry Heights School, is offering a free tutorial program which began Aug. 25, Monday - Thursday, 3:15 - 6:15 p.m.

A qualified tutor will be on hand to assist grades K - 11. Elba Youth Training Center does not discriminate against anyone regardless of age, race, or sex. Anyone needing assistance is welcome to attend.

of automating all mail, thereby, providing more efficient and reliable service.

This change would make first-class mail from Dothan to the Montgomery area and Birmingham city area overnight. Presently, this is two-day service. The Panama City, FL area would become two-day service.

This service change reflects the wishes of a large percent of the comments received. In proposing this change, the postal service welcomes your comments and suggestions. You may do so by contacting the Dothan Post Office at 794-8567 or writing to: Postmaster, 379 North Oates Street, Dothan, AL 36302-9998. Comments and responses received will be directed to the Alabama District Office.

"MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION NEWS

The Mustard Seed Foundation seniors met Aug. 20 for a time of fellowship, games and lunch.

Those present were Mary Seavey, Dorothy Nell Crawley, Diane Hudson, Mattie Lou Goodson, Margie Smith, Louise Wambles, Zealon Smith, Louise Daugherty, Harper Smart, Marilyn Maddox, Frank and Linnie McCollough.

Several members were absent due to illness, and prayer was requested for them.

The seniors invite others to join them at the Foundation in the Victoria Community on Coffee County Rd. 211. They meet each Wednesday at 10 a.m.

For more information call 897-6647 or 735-2456.



4-H Watermelon Growing Contest Clay Lewis, a student at Zion Chapel Elementary School, grew the largest watermelon this year through 4-H. It weighed 30 1/2 lbs. Heather Carroll from New Brockton had the 2nd largest, weighing 28 lbs. There was a tie for 3rd place—Katy Tiner and Carrie Edwards both from Enterprise.



4-H CLOTHING JUDGING Angie Laney, Zion Chapel; LeAnn Griffin and Rachel Carroll both from New Brockton were on the senior clothing judging team. They placed 2nd on the district level, went on to state competition and won 1st. This activity teaches consumerism. The participants learn what to look for in ready-to-wear garments.

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"Celebrating 50th Anniversary"

Seniors are already showing mixed emotions about EHS

by: Elizabeth Strong and Bonnie Vaughan

The halls are again full and the bells are ringing at EHS. There are different faces as new teachers and students walk the campus. There is also another new change at EHS, the senior class of 1998. This year has gotten off to a great start. The anticipation of senior portraits, our last sporting events, homecoming, cap and gown measurements, and finally graduation is felt throughout our class. There will be good times, but sad ones also as we realize that this is our last year at EHS. The year is full of special events just for us and we're sure we speak for the whole class when we say we can't wait for it all to start. But for now we are all very excited as we truly realize what it means when we say "Senior '98!"

Sikes joins EHS as head football coach

By: Diana Jackson

Coach David Sikes is a graduate of Carver High School in Montgomery and Jacksonville State University where he majored in Physical Education and Counseling. He came to Elba from Greenville High School where he served as guidance counselor and assistant coach for two years. Coach Sikes teaches Psychology and Sociology and physical education as well as serving as head football coach. In his free time, Coach Sikes enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family.

Coach Sikes comes from a family who has been involved in football and coaching for more than 30 years. He feels that his biggest influence in coaching is his dad. When asked how the football team looks this year he said, "right now we are in a developmental stage. So far I have been very pleased with the effort and the enthusiasm of the team. We are very proud to welcome him to our school. Good Luck! Go Tigers!"



Barbara McKinley is new Spanish teacher at Elba

By: Diana Jackson

Barbara McKinley is the new Spanish teacher at Elba High School. She went to high school in Texas and graduated from Texas State University where she majored in music education. Mrs. McKinley has taught in Florida, Texas, and Louisiana, but comes to us after a short break from teaching. Mrs. McKinley stated that the things she liked about Elba High School are the students, faculty, administration - THE PEOPLE! When asked what she does in her free time she said, "For those 5 minutes extra, I make quilts for my 3 sons."

Coach Leroy Carnley

Coach Leroy Carnley to head Elba's basketball program

By: Diana Jackson

Coach Leroy Carnley is the new Special Education teacher for Elba City Schools. A graduate of Kinston High School, Mr. Carnley attended ESJC, LaGrange College, and Troy State University, where he obtained his undergraduate degree in Business Administration and graduate degree in Special Education. Coach Carnley came to us from Samson High School where he taught for two years. Here at Elba he teaches Specific Learning Disabilities for English and math, and will coach girl's varsity basketball this year. In his free time, Coach Carnley likes to spend time with his family and playing basketball. When asked about his expectations for the Girls Varsity Basketball team he said, "I have high expectations for a first year Varsity Basketball Team. I think most of the coaches look at Elba as an easy victory, since this is the first year of the program. But with a lot of hard work and effort, I believe we can surprise some people this year."

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EES JUMP STARTS THE NEW YEAR

On August fourth through seventh, Kindergarten students at Elba Elementary School got a jump start on their school year with a three-day orientation week. Approximately seventy-two students participated in the program. The teachers involved in the Jump Start program were the following: Mrs. C. Vaughan, Mrs. A. Vaughan, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Nicholson, and Mrs. Grantham. Students are pictured here enjoying their snack time.

Roaring and ready to go

By: Chad Mashburn

After the first two weeks of football practice, the Elba Varsity Tigers are looking good. There are thirty-four players going out this year and ten of these are seniors. All the boys are very excited about the prospects of this season, and head coach David Sikes and the Tiger Football Staff are extremely pleased with the effort and enthusiasm of the team. The Tigers have a difficult schedule this year, but they are confident that with effort and determination, it can be a winning season. So, everyone come out and support your Elba Tiger this year!



FFA officers attend conference

The Southeast Alabama-Northwest Florida Made for Excellence Conference was held recently in Dothan. The member attending the conference from the Elba High School Chapter was (L-R) president, Leigh Kelly along with Chapter Advisor, Jacob Davis. The conference was held to train officers to be leaders in their chapter, county and community. The conference provided FFA members with the knowledge and skills needed to set and achieve goals in all areas of life-mental, physical, spiritual, and social.

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Corey Adkinson, Kevin Dodd, Mack Reed

VICA SPOTLIGHT

by: Matthew Farris

This week's VICA spotlight focuses on the Big Bear and its three Elba High School employees. The Big Bear is Elba's only grocery store and is a family owned and operated business. The three students who work there are Corey Adkinson, Mark Reed, and Kevin Dodd. Corey Adkinson is a senior at Elba High School and is the son of Rick and Glenda Adkinson. Corey is involved in FBLA, FFA, VICA and is a SGA representative. His job at the Big Bear is to stock the shelves and work as a customer assistant. After high school, Corey plans to attend Troy State and major in political science. Mark Reed is our second senior and is the son of MacArthur and Emma Jean Reed. He is involved in VICA, FFA, FBLA, PALS, and is a 1997-98 Tiger Rep. Mark bags groceries and is part of the general cleaning crew. In the near future, Mark plans to attend a small college where he can major in computer science. Kevin Dodd, a junior at Elba High, is our third VICA spotlight student. His parents are Jim and Elaine Dodd. Kevin is a member of FFA, VICA, and Elba's baseball team. He works at the Big Bear bagging groceries. After graduating, Kevin plans to go to college and become a physical therapist.

Students' reaction to first day

By: Jason Sasser
Misty Kelley
Shae Free

On August 11, 1997, school began for the City of Elba. We asked some of the students what they had to say about the first day.
Chris Brunson - My first day was great!
Kristy Ward - Just like a first day!
Aubrey Mangum - Boring, but alright!
Samantha Williams - it was fun.
Deann Smith - it was better than EES!
Chris Byfield - my first day was O.K.
Joshua Tice - it was O.K.
Chris Bryant - good.
William West - O.K.
April Burks - fun!
Danae Ware - alright!
Hunter Hargrave - I am happy to finally make it to the 11th grade!
Marcus Parker - It's GREAT! I am a senior!
Cassie Crittendon - I don't like it but kinda do since I am a senior.
Heather DuBoise - I love it!! I am a senior.
Kristen Dubisair - 9 months!
Adam Martini - It's O.K.
Cammie Kelley - It's not thrilling!
Mark Wicker - Nothing!
Adam Brooks - No comment!
Kendra Vaughan - It was the BOMB!
Leslie Stinson - It's Ahh-It!
Shelly McDaniel - It was sooo fun!
Kevin Dodd - I liked Coach Sikes boots most of all!

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Views from...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie's three-year streak of not missing a single day of school came to an end last week when she fell victim to a bug going around and missed her first day ever. She had felt bad before, but always went on to school and got better during the day, and received perfect attendance certificates for three straight years. Now that the pressure is off, maybe she'll start another streak that will beat the old one.

ELBA TIGERS WORKING TOWARD SEASON OPENER

The Elba Tigers continued their hard work last week in preparation for their season-opener against 5A Charles Henderson, and concluded the second week of drills with a scrimmage last Thursday night. Coach Sikes and his staff held the scrimmage to "find out who really wanted to play," and after the controlled scrimmage seemed pleased with what he had seen. He mentioned the names of several players that looked good during the scrimmage, and even though he said the Tigers still had some holes to fill, he also said that the team "wasn't as bad as a lot of people think."

Coach Sikes has really put the Tigers through some hard practices in the past two weeks, and a couple of players have already hung up their cleats. However, the ones that have stuck with it are getting ready to go into battle, and the '97 Tigers might just surprise some folks that early on were predicting another losing season. It looks like Coach Sikes was just the man for the job, and has found some players that are also willing to sacrifice to put a winning team on the field. Hey, even I'm getting a little excited about next week's opener!

SPORTS

Coach Sikes sees improvement as Elba Tigers continue working toward opener

The Elba Tigers put the wraps on their second week of pre-season football practice last week with a scrimmage on Thursday night, and while Coach David Sikes admitted there is still a lot of work to do before the season-opener, he stated that he didn't have to look far to see some positive things from the team.

"We put what we thought was our best group on one side of the football and our second best unit on the other side," said Coach Sikes, "and let the players get after it. The first unit had some big plays on both sides of the ball and dominated at times; however, the second bunch never backed down and also had some players that stood out. It was a good scrimmage and it gave us an idea of where we are and how far we still have to go."

"The offenses on both sides did some good things," added Coach Sikes, in his first year at the Elba helm, "and we had some big plays with our running game. Our passing game wasn't very good and still needs some work, but we haven't worked on the passing game that much, and I feel like it will come around as it gets more attention."

ELBA TIGERS

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SEPT.12	LUVERNE (2A)	HOME
SEPT.19	GEORGIANA (2A)	AWAY
SEPT.26	OPP (5A)	AWAY
OCT.3	HEADLAND (3A)*	AWAY
OCT.10	GENEVA (4A)	AWAY
OCT.17	GENEVA COUNTY (2A)	HOME
OCT.24	REHOBETH (3A)*	HOME
OCT.31	ANDALUSIA (5A)	AWAY
NOV.7	MONROE COUNTY (5A)	HOME

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COUNTY TEAMS TAKING AIM AT OPENERS

The three teams in the County system have all been working hard in recent weeks, and while all three have been through very different situations, all three have dedicated players in their camps and are looking forward to the start of the season. Here's a quick peek at all three camps...

***ZION CHAPEL is rebuilding under Coach Randy Grant, and while the Rebels did have to go back and start at square one, the spirits are high up in Jack and the players and coaches are determined to prove those that predicted a disastrous season were very wrong. The Rebels may not have the talent or experience of some of the teams they will play; however, they are a very determined bunch and appear ready to give it 10 percent. That is all anyone can ask, and that desire could result in a couple of wins as the Rebs gain experience. Don't give up on this bunch, because they certainly haven't given up on themselves.

***NEW BROCKTON has been hit hard in recent days by the injury bug and it was very evident in last week's scrimmage that the injuries have really taken their toll on the Gamecocks offensive line. The Gamecocks appeared in the scrimmage to have more than their share of quickness; however, the younger players that were forced into action showed their lack of game experience, and as a result the offense struggled. The Gamecocks may be slowed for a while by the key injuries, but the folks over in Brockton are a dedicated group with a very good coaching staff, and you know that before long things will fall back into place.

***KINSTON hasn't been able to get a lot done due to constant off the field distractions, but Coach Mickey Jacobs and his Bulldogs are more determined than ever to prove that they can win football games, and the distractions should fade away as the season-opener nears. The Bulldogs have some quality athletes that can play at any level, and if the younger players will just buckle up their chinstraps a little tighter and listen to the coaches, they could very easily surprise some folks, real soon.

The Elba Youth Football League will open its 1997 football season on Friday night, August 29, with a triple-header against Opp, in Opp.

The games will be played at Channel-Lee Stadium, in Opp, and will begin at 6:00 PM.

Admission will be \$2 adults and \$1 students.

The Elba Midget Tigers are coached by Earl McCollough and Mickey McCollough, while the Termites Tigers are coached by Keith Parker, Marty Carrett and Stuart Bane, and the PeeWee Tigers are coached by Rachel Moore and Freddy Thomas.

Golden gets two wins at Mudd Traxx

The Coffee County Mudd Traxx held another exciting night of racing on Saturday, August 16, with Doug Golden being the only double winner.

Following are results of the races in all categories:

FACTORY STOCK
1-Todd Sasser, 2-Chuck Peacock, 3-William Davenport

FACTORY MODIFIED
1-Blair Hurd, in Anna's Toy; 2-Mark Sebright, in Raw Bone; 3-Hank Carlson, in Backyard Special

LADIES FACTORY MODIFIED
1-Anna Miller, in Anna's Toy; 2-Cindy Sebright, in Raw Bone; 3-Cindy Nelson, in Master of Disaster

SUPER STOCK
1-Doug Golden, in Poison Passion; 2-Bobby Young, in Blue Beast; 3-Calvin Young, in The Boss

LADIES SUPER STOCK
1-Tammy Buzzan, in The Boss; 2-Lynn Young, in Blue Beast; 3-Lisa Boutwell, in Poison Passion

PRO STOCK
1-Doug Golden, in Blue Thunder; 2-Bobby Young, in Blue Beast; 3-Michael Kelley, in Play Time

The next races at the Coffee County Mudd Traxx will be held on Saturday, August 30, beginning at 6:00 PM. The track is located North of Elba on Highway 87.

Softball tournament to be held at Kinston

A softball tournament will be held at the Heflin Smith Complex on Hwy. 52 in Kinston on Saturday, Sept. 6, beginning at 9 a.m.

Entry fee per team is \$100 and hit your own 47 core ball.

Proceeds go to Kinston Recreation Board.

Deadline to register is Thursday, Sept. 4, at 8 p.m.

For more information contact Kenneth Davis at 334/565-3184 after 5 p.m. or leave message; or Brenda Clark, 334/565-3188, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

'97 TSU TROJANS WILL RELY ON LOCAL TALENT

For many years the people up at Troy State seemed to have the idea that if it was to have a good football team it had to go out of state for its players. That idea has changed in recent years, however, and this year's Trojans will definitely have a lot of area athletes helping pave the way for another run at a national title. The TSU roster includes Elba's Bo Boyd and Rudy Free; Enterprise's Nick Colbert, Brent Harrison, Frank Jones, Steven Kelley and Antonio McClain; Brantley's Marco Jones; Arlton's Chris Morris; Florida's Gid Zom; Daleville's Damon Willis, Kyle Roundtree and Shawn Stuckey; Highland Home's Matthew Wells; Georgiana's Jerome Phillips; and Dothan's Leonard Shaughnessy and Joe Jackson.

The area players will help put fans in the stands, and will also help the Trojans win games. Just watch!

NOTES IN CLOSING...

***When the Arizona Cardinals hit the field this week for their NFL opener, former-Elba Tiger standout Ronald McKinnon will be in the starting line-up at linebacker. McKinnon, in only his second season in the NFL, totally blew Tiger fans last spring at the Chamber of Commerce banquet that he was going to make it in the NFL, and I guess that by making the starting line-up you could say he has indeed made it. Good luck, all Elba fans are pulling for you every time you hit the field.

***The honeymoon will be over and the marriage will start this weekend when Coach Mike DuBose leads the Alabama Crimson Tide on the field against Houston. I was at Coach Gene Stallings' debut years ago when he lost; however, I now think Coach DuBose was the perfect choice for the Alabama job and am confident that the Tide will make his debut a successful one. Roll Tide.

***The Elba Youth Football League teams will begin their season Friday night in Opp, and this year the teams and cheerleaders in all three groups will have their biggest squads ever. Almost 200 boys and girls ages 12 are taking part in the program, and that is a whole bunch of kids for a town the size of Elba. With numbers like that, the season is already a success.

"I talked with a lot of the area coaches last week, and one coach wasn't exactly thrilled with Ye Ole Football Prognosticator's pre-season predictions, and said that the attitude of this team was okay considering how poorly his team was predicted to be this season. While I do consider myself knowledgeable when it comes to high school athletics, what I write in my column is my opinion, and nothing more. It certainly is not the gospel when it comes to high school athletics, and I can't believe that it would have any impact on how well a team plays on any given night. Next week the local guesstest will swing into action picking the scores of the high school games, and while he wants them to react without having to stop and think what to do, he will predict what he believes and then see what happens."

Zion Chapel working hard under Coach Randy Grant

The teaching process is well underway for Coach Randy Grant and his staff at Zion Chapel High School, and despite a disappointing season in '96, spirits are high in the Rebel camp that betters days are ahead under Coach Grant's leadership.

"We didn't have a real good summer program," admitted Grant, in his first year at the ZC helm, "and it was due primarily to the fact that this is a rural school and many of the younger players simply didn't have the means of getting to the weight room. It has become a problem everywhere we go in the summer work-out camps, and while we did have some players that really worked hard, we didn't have the numbers that we needed."

"Starting school early helped us in that all the students were in class and we were able to have all the players at practice," added Grant. "We still had to find ways for some of the players to get home, but the early start was definitely an advantage for us."

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New Brockton to compete in jamboree Friday at Trinity

The New Brockton Gamecocks will get a preview of what to expect tomorrow night (Friday) to compete in a high school football jamboree at Trinity Presbyterian, in Montgomery.

The Gamecocks will open the jamboree with a one quarter game against Trinity at 6:15, then will remain in a high school football jamboree against Autaugaaville.

"We certainly didn't get any breaks with the draw," said Coach

Thrasher, "but we played in a fall jamboree last year and it was a positive experience. We will be a little short-handed in this jamboree due to some injuries in the line; however, this will give us a chance to see how the players react in a game situation and hopefully it will enable us to be a better team when the season opens."

When asked about pre-season drills, Coach Thrasher stated "We had a good summer program and got off to a good start in practice,

but lost six players in the span of two days with injuries and it has really slowed down some of the experience of the players; however, we can teach them the basics of the game and try to insure that they will be able to line up and play well when they hit the field. Experience will come with actual game action, and like it or not, the kids will get that in a hurry."

"We have a very young team with very little experience," added Thrasher, "and during practice we have been very concerned with

teaching the younger players the fundamentals of the game. We can't do anything about the age or lack of experience of the players; however, we can teach them the basics of the game and try to insure that they will be able to line up and play well when they hit the field. Experience will come with actual game action, and like it or not, the kids will get that in a hurry."

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Kinston Bulldogs try to ignore off the field distractions as season-opener draws near

The Kinston Bulldogs closed out their second week of pre-season football drills last week, and while Coach Mickey Jacobs will admit that he has seen a few bright spots, he simply shakes his head when asked how the two weeks have gone in the Bulldog camp.

"Football practice has not gone as well as I would have liked," stated Coach Jacobs. "The numbers are lower than expected, and the practices haven't been very good due to the fact that the kids are down about the players that have quit the team. We had 28 players in the spring and had a good group of seniors, but we are down to only 19 varsity players now, and that isn't even enough players to hold a scrimmage."

"We got a hint of what was happening before the start of practice," said Jacobs, "and it has snow-balled since then. We lost three starters that we were counting on and lost some others that could have helped. It is one thing when a player gets injured, but when a kid just quits, it gets everybody down. The constant off the field problems have kept the players minds off playing football, and it has shown in recent practices. We need to be getting people ready to play and teaching fundamentals, not worrying about who will and won't play."

When asked about the practices, Coach Jacobs stated "We have touched on all phases of the game on both offense and defense, but we haven't been able to do as much contact work as we need to, because we can't afford to get anyone hurt in practice."

"Some of the players are in good condition and some are just the opposite. In spite of all the distractions, we do have a really good group of players and have some excellent skill players that could play at any level. Ronnie Sansom and Jeremy Osborn are the leaders of

KINSTON BULLDOGS

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William's Station Day 5K Run/Walk to be held on October 25 in Atmore

The William's Station Day 5K Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 8 a.m., in Atmore, Alabama 36502.

Awards will be given out in twelve male and female age divisions. The pre-registration cost is \$12, while the day of the race registration will be \$17.

Registration forms are available

at the Atmore Chamber of Commerce, or the Atmore YMCA, on 501 Pensacola Avenue, Atmore, Alabama 36502.

The registration fee includes a commemorative race shirt, and the race is pending USATF certification.

For more information call (334) 368-3305 or (334) 368-9622.

Leisure swimming and yoga classes to be offered this fall at E'prise State

Classes offered at Enterprise State Junior College this fall include: *Beginning Yoga* - classes will include exercises to enhance concentration as well as improve body flexibility and range of motion, and each class will conclude with a deep relaxation exercise.

This class is for any age person. Students should wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or quilt to each class.

The course will be taught Tuesdays 5:30 - 7 p.m., Sept. 9 - Oct. 14. Registration deadline is Sept. 2 and

there is a \$40 fee for the course.

Leisure Swimming - The pool will be available for approximately 24 hours per week. Tentative hours are 11:45 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m. Monday - Thursday, and 9 - Noon Fridays.

Fee for individual participants is \$25; and \$40 for families. There is no registration deadline and participants may sign up at any time during the quarter.

For more information on any of these courses, call 334/393-ESJC, Ext. 234.

"Labor Day Celebration" to be held on Saturday, Aug. 30, in Bainbridge

The Bainbridge-Decatur County Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the first annual Labor Day Celebration, along with the second annual Jack Wingate Open Team Bass Tournament, on August 30-31.

The Jack Wingate Open has a guaranteed purse of \$20,000, with places 1-30 receiving cash prizes. Other activities with the tournament include BBQ on Friday

evening and lots of door prizes. The Labor Day Celebration will kick off Saturday morning with a fun run at 8:00 AM, and will be followed by an inline skate race, casting competition for the kids, pony rides, arts and crafts, and all day entertainment.

The entry fee for the tournament is only \$150 per team, and to enter call 1-800-243-4774.

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Coffee County Extension Service News

Richard L. Petcher-County Agent

You can't beat those beans

Coffee County farmers planted around 3,000 acres of soybeans this year. This is the largest number of acres since 1987. As of July 30, the soybean crop looked as if it had the potential to make a good crop.

I would like to discuss two simple management programs for you to consider that may help you make more profits in your beans.

First of all, only consider these strategies if you have already done all of the yield-enhancing management practices - such as planting the correct variety groups at the right planting time, having your soil in good fertility condition, gotten up a good stand, have weeds under control, beans have been growing well, the weather forecast looks good for moisture, and you have prospects for a good yield potential (35 bushels or more per acre) and market.

Soybeans, once they start blooming, for the most part will never make another leaf. So guarding and keeping all of these leaves is critical for maximum pod fill-out. Three things can destroy your leaves - drought, disease and insects.

The first management practice to protect the leaves is to apply a mixture of Dimilin, a pesticide produced by Uniroyal, and soluble boron to your soybeans during mid-August.

Dimilin is an insecticide that gives excellent control of velvet bean caterpillars (VBC). One out of every three years VBC's are a problem in our soybeans during mid-August. Boron is a micronutrient that greatly affects seed growth. The application rate of Dimilin is two ounces per acre.

Dr. John Woodruff, Extension agronomist, University of Georgia, has conducted research on this product since 1994. His results state that this Dimilin soluble mix increases yields even if you spray when there are no VBC's.

He states that soybeans show a growth response to the Dimilin soluble mix. Research has shown a consistent response of 3 to 10 bushels per acre yield increase. A realistic approach would be to look for a 3-bushel increase on a 35-bushel potential crop.

The Dimilin and boron mix costs \$5 plus application. With this year's price hovering at \$7 a bushel, that would be a \$21 increase minus the \$5 to \$8.50 application, and would bring \$10 to \$14 gain depending on your application cost. At least it would more than break even.

This may be a treatment you would like to try, especially if you have VBC's. This one extra trip could bring profits. Farmers trying this program in Georgia have nothing but praise; it is not complicated, it is not expensive, and not extremely time-critical, but may add some profits to your pocket.

The second management tip is an old practice that has not been used here for a while. The program is to spray Benlate, a fungicide by Dupont, plus boron. If our August weather continues to be hot, humid, and rainy, we will have the perfect conditions for breeding soybean diseases.

Our four most prevalent diseases are frogeye, cercospora, pod and stem blight, and anthracnose.

If you are considering saving or selling your beans, you will definitely want to spray. If you planted no-till or drilled your beans, have a high plant population, have a history of disease, and have a high yield potential, you would consider spraying Benlate and boron.

The rate of Benlate is 8 ounces along with the solubor. The timing of application is during mid-bloom to early pod set, following two to three days of rain or heavy dew. Follow with a second fungicide 14 days later if humid weather persists. However, the greatest yield response is from the first application.

Here again, the yield increase has been 3 - 10 bushels per acre. The cost of Benlate and boron applied is around \$12.50 per acre. So a 3-bushel increase would bring a \$9.50 gain, profits could be much higher. This is a common practice in the Delta area of Mississippi and Louisiana where hot, humid weather persists.

Some growers are combining both of these practices which would be spraying the Benlate, Dimilin and boron all in one spray.

Farmers are always experimenting and this may be a good test for you. If you have at least a 35-bushel yield potential and you get velvet bean caterpillars, try the Dimilin. If it rains and continues to be hot and humid, try the Benlate.

Or you might want to try the combined Benlate, Dimilin and boron mix. But be sure to leave out a check plot in the same field where you do nothing so that you can compare yields.

If you try these practices, I would be grateful to hear how it works for you.

you. If these programs work well, search tell me you should at least try them. If break even and suffer little to no loss, scientists conducting this research.

Stan Windham-County Agent

Ticks and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever

You hear a lot about ticks and Lyme Disease, but another disease that ticks carry is Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF). RMSF is caused by a bacterial organism transmitted by infected ticks.

Symptoms appear within 2-14 days of the tick bite. These include a generalized spotted rash beginning on the wrists and ankles, headaches, backaches, fever, and fatigue.

The presence of the rash on the palms of the hands and soles of the feet help distinguish this from other diseases. If diagnosed early, this disease is easily treated with antibiotics.

RMSF does occur in Alabama, but it is rare. Last year there were only three cases of RMSF reported in Alabama by the Department of Health.

The main carrier of RMSF is the American Dog Tick and the Lone Star Tick. The disease is maintained mainly in populations of rodents.

To protect yourself from tick bites, I recommend: (1) wearing light-colored clothing in wooded areas, (2) tucking pant legs into socks, boots, or shoes, (3) applying an insect repellent, such as DEET, to exposed skin, or Permethrin repellent to clothing, and (4) checking your pets, especially dogs, for ticks as often as possible. If ticks are found, control them with recommended insecticides.

Attached ticks should be carefully removed by using a pair of fine tweezers or forceps, parallel and close to the skin as possible. Crush-

ing the ticks may actually inject the tick into the wound if you are not careful.

LACE BUGS OR SPIDERMITES Spotted, yellow leaves - a familiar sight on your azaleas? There could be more than one reason for this condition, but usually by mid-summer this type of appearance can be narrowed down to the presence of either spidermites or lace bugs.

If lace bugs are present, there will be some tell-tale evidence: gritty, dark residue on the undersurface of leaves - excrement left by feeding lace bugs.

Spidermites are about the size of the end of a ballpoint pen. Although they are more closely related to spiders than to insects, these mites feed similarly to lace bugs by piercing the plant tissue and extracting plant juices with their needle-like mouthparts.

A mottled, spotted appearance on the upper leaf surface usually means one or both of the insects are present. Spidermites, if present on a plant for a while, produce webbing. If webbing is not present and the leaf undersurface is not dirty and gritty from lace bugs, rub a facial tissue across the undersurface of the leaf. Usually, if spidermites are present, streaks will be left on the tissue.

The key to control of lace bugs and spidermites is proper diagnosis. For lace bugs, use Orthene, Diazinon, or Malathion. For spidermites, use Diazinon, Kelthane, insecticidal soap or insecticidal oil.

Angela Hughes-County Agent

Honey may be used for many purposes

USING HONEY Honey can be used in many ways. It makes a good spread for breads, muffins and biscuits, and a tasty dressing filling when mixed with dried fruits, peanut butter or cottage cheese.

Honey can be used as a sweetener for fruits and beverages. It also can be used in any food that is sweetened, including frozen desserts, baked products, meat glazes, custards, frostings, pie fillings, cobblers, puddings, candied vegetables and salad dressings.

Some recipes use honey as the main sweetener; others use sugar. Recipes especially created and tested for honey give the best results. Honey can be used to replace some of the sugar called for in many recipes. Use these guidelines for cakes and cookies.

Cakes: One-half of the sugar in a cake can be replaced with honey. For every one cup of sugar replaced, leave out 1/4 cup of liquid.

Cookies: The amount of sugar that can be replaced with honey varies with the kind of cookie being made. For brownies, half the sugar can be replaced; for fruit bars, honey can replace two-thirds of the sugar called for in the recipe.

When making either cakes or cookies, first mix the honey with the fat or the liquid. Then mix it thoroughly with the other ingredients. If this is not done, a soggy layer will form on the top of the baked product.

Products made with honey brown faster than foods made with other sweeteners. So when you bake products made with honey, set the oven temperature 25 degrees F. lower than what is indicated in the recipe.

One note of caution: Honey and products made with it should not be fed to infants younger than one year. Spores of bacteria may be present, and when these get into the intestinal tract of an infant, they grow and produce a toxin that results in serious illness and death.

Remember that these spores in honey are not destroyed by regular cooking or baking methods.

Elba Elementary School Menus

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Breakfast Monday - Holiday Tuesday - Eggs or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk Wednesday - Cheese Roll or Cereal, Ham, Juice, Milk Thursday - Sausage & Biscuits or Cereal, Juice, Milk Friday - Cheese Grits or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk

Lunch Monday - Holiday Tuesday - Barbecue, Rice, Butterbeans, Cornbread, Beans, Milk Wednesday - Chicken Fingers, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Peach Half, Milk Thursday - Turkey, Veggie, Garden Peas, Whole Kernel Corn, Sweet Potato Patsy, Roll, Cranberry Sauce, Milk Friday - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill, French Fries, Baked Beans, Half Orange, Milk

George Tabb-County Agent

Farm News With George

THE ADVANTAGES TO PLANTING

One of the advantages to planting home grown vegetables is the pleasure of having harvest fresh vegetables ready and waiting to be picked right at your back doorstep. So it is no wonder gardeners get a bit anxious when they see plants blooming, only to result in no fruit.

Did you know some vegetables put blooms that are not supposed to produce fruit? For example, squash and cucumbers always start their season by putting on showy male blooms first. Female blossoms are not far behind and can be distinguished from the male blooms by the tiny fruit at the base of the flower. Male blossoms provide pollen and then fall off.

One frequently asked question is why aren't my tomato plants setting fruit? Any one of the following reasons can cause poor fruit set and this generalization of these factors can further decrease chances of producing fruit.

Excessive use of nitrogen fertilizers - Nighttime temperatures over 70 degrees F. Temperatures dropping below 50 degrees F. Irregular watering habits (mulching can reduce drought stress) Insect damage from thrips Poor pollination

Planting a variety that doesn't grow well in this area

A FEW GOOD TREES FOR THE LANDSCAPE Choosing the right tree for your landscape can be tough, especially when nurseries and garden centers offer so many choices. To make finding the right tree for your yard a little simpler, check out this list of good trees suited to our landscape.

Although there are good trees, there are no "perfect" trees. Heights are approximate and can vary with the planting site. Always check over the head before planting to avoid branches growing into power lines.

***Autumn Flame red maple (Acer rubrum 'Autumn Flame')** offers good fall color. A slow grower, it has surface roots and needs adequate water. It can reach a height of about 50 feet.

***Red Sunset red maple (Acer rubrum 'Red Sunset')** is similar to Autumn Flame but has a more moderate growth rate and can reach 55 feet. It needs abundant water to become established.

***Florida maple (Acer barbatum)** is more heat-tolerant than the sugar maple, but has a less vivid color than sugar maple. It's considered a moderate to fast grower and can reach 40 feet at maturity.

***Trident maple (Acer buergerianum)** is a moderate grower that will only reach about 30 feet. It can be difficult to locate.

***Honey maple (Acer nigrum 'Heritage')** is a fairly fast-growing selection that needs sufficient water to perform to its peak.

A fast grower that can reach 60 feet, it also offers interesting bark that peels away from the trunk. The canopy may thin in late summer and it can be susceptible to aphids.

***Ginkgo (Ginkgo biloba)** boasts bright bold fall color. The tree has a slow growth rate, but it can reach 75 feet. If possible, purchase only male trees. Female trees produce fruit with an offensive odor. Vegetatively propagated 'Sargata' and 'Autumn Gold' will not produce fruit.

***Chinese pistache (Pistacia chinensis)** offers both fast growth and good fall color. It's a hardy tree that can reach about 50 feet.

***Sawtooth oak (Quercus acutissima)** is an extremely fast-growing tree, particularly for an oak. It provides a nice canopy and is a heavy canopy producer. The tree which can grow to about 60 feet holds its dead leaves through the winter.

***Overcup oak (Quercus lyrata)** is another tough, fast-growing oak. It gets its name from the way the acorn cup covers most of the acorn. It can reach about 65 feet and provides a good canopy.

***Bur oak (Quercus macrocarpa)** has a moderate growth rate. Drought tolerant, the tree can reach heights of 70 feet. It has both distinctive branches and huge acorns.

***Willow oak (Quercus phellos)** is a fast-growing tree that can reach 70 feet. It has a nice form, but its fall color is not spectacular.

***Shumard oak (Quercus shumardii)** is a fast-growing oak that offers excellent red fall foliage color. It will reach heights in excess of 60 feet.

***Bald cypress (Taxodium distichum)** is a good choice for wet or soggy soil, but it seems to perform adequately in more upland sites as well. It needs an acid soil. A moderate grower, it will reach 70 feet or more.

***Pond cypress (Taxodium distichum nutans)** is much like bald cypress, but it is faster growing and has a more narrow canopy with finer textured leaves.

***Chinese elm (Ulmus parvifolia)** is a moderate to fast grower. It offers a nice form, interesting trunk color and disease resistance. However, it does have a fairly aggressive root system.

UNDERSTANDING FERTILIZER LABELS The three numbers listed on fertilizer containers represent the percentage of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium contained in the fertilizer mix.

For example, if the fertilizer is labeled as 15-10-15, the first number represents nitrogen, the second phosphorus, and the third potassium. Each number represents a percentage of total content.

There are two types of nitrogen in most fertilizers: water soluble and slow release. The water soluble nitrogen is available to root immediately, thus its effects are seen more readily.

The slow release nitrogen is released over a period of time depending on microbial decomposition, temperature and moisture.

Water soluble nitrogen is less expensive, causes growth spurts, doesn't last long, and can burn turf. Slow release fertilizers are generally more expensive, require less application, have less leaching in the soil and are less likely to burn the turf.

It is important to remember that application recommendations are only meant as guidelines. Exceeding those guidelines does not necessarily mean that the turf will be healthier, because it gets more of a good thing. In fact, just the opposite is true most of the time.

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payment each month.

What does debt consolidation mean? It means you borrow enough money from a lending agency to pay off all the charge accounts and credit plans you are now paying monthly. Then you make only one payment each month to the new lender. This usually means you pay out less each month, but you must make payments for a longer time and you usually pay more finance charges.

Before Consolidating Debt consolidation is sometimes the best answer to a financial problem. But before you take that step, look at your other choices.

1. Contact your creditors to see if they would be willing to reduce the amount of your monthly payments by letting you pay a few extra months.

2. Seek budgeting help and financial counseling from a bank, credit counseling service, legal aid society, or the County Extension Service. There could be a solution to your problem that you haven't thought of.

If Consolidation is the Answer Shop carefully for a lending agency. Banks and credit unions generally have lower finance charges than finance companies. Find out from each agency and compare the following important facts:

a. What are the charges for the service?

b. What is the annual percentage rate (APR)?

c. What is the amount of your monthly payment?

d. What happens if you miss a payment?

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

DOROTHY JEAN PARKER, PLAINTIFF VS. BARBARA J. CARPENTER AND SHERMAN ELLIOTT BOYD, DEFENDANTS.

CASE NO. CV 97-44 NOTICE OF SALE

By order of the Coffee County Circuit Court dated July 17, 1997, Jim Ellis, Circuit Clerk, will offer for sale at public auction the following described property, to-wit:

Parcel No. I. The SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, and the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 1, T6N, R19E, less right-of-way for Coffee County Road No. 345.

Parcel No. II. The west half of the NE 1/4 of Section 12; and all that part of the east half of the NW 1/4 lying East of County Road No. 345, less and except two acres of Shady Grove Church, all in Section 12, T6N, R19E.

All that part of the east half of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 12 lying west of Coffee County Road No. 345, containing 13 acres, more or less. All that part of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 12, T6N, R19E, lying west of County Road No. 345, less and except one acre conveyed to Charles J. Young, September 17, 1960 by warranty deed recorded in Deed Book 55-A, Page 565, less and except a three acre lot conveyed to Anne Lee Cole and Earl Cole October 27, 1960 recorded in Deed Book 34-A, Page 49. Said property contains, in the aggregate, 270 acres, less right of way for public road.

Said sale will be held at 11:00 a.m. on the 4th day of September, 1997, at the Coffee County Court-house, Elba, Alabama. Terms of sale will be for cash.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court has caused this notice to be prepared for publication in a newspaper of general circulation in this County this 24th day of July, 1997.

/s/ Jim Ellis Circuit Clerk 7-31; 8-7, 14, 21chg

STATE OF ALABAMA COVINGTON COUNTY

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

WHEREAS, on December 9, 1994, Frank Charles Smith did execute and deliver to Rice Acceptance Company, Inc., a mortgage on certain real estate herein-after described, which mortgage appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, at Mortgage Book 124-A, Pages 36-38, and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of said mortgage as provided herein, which default continues at this date, and said mortgage is subject to foreclosure.

NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public outcry for cash, to the highest bidder in front of the courthouse doors, main entrance, in Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on September 25, 1997, the real estate being more particularly described as lying and being situated in Coffee County, State of Alabama, to-wit:

Lots 4 and 5, Armetta Estates Subdivision Number 2 to Coffee County as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 24, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, in Elba Office.

NO COMMERCIAL POLITY RIGHTS ARE ALLOWED. Subject to easements, restrictions, and reservations appearing of record. Said sale and conveyance will also be made subject to the legal rights of existing Federal Tax Liens, and/or Special Assessments, if any, which might adversely affect title to subject property.

Such sale will be made as provided in said mortgage for the purpose of paying the debt secured by said mortgage with interest thereon, any amounts required to be paid for taxes, insurance or other charges provided in said mortgage, and the expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

Said property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions contained in said mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate where the above-described property is situated. Said property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment, and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto.

/s/ Thomas A. Blackstock, Jr. Attorney for Mortgagee LAIRD, WOODARD & BAKER 501 North Main Street Opp. Alabama 36467 (334) 493-9716 8-28,9-4,11chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF J. D. WISE, DECEASED

CASE NO. PC 97-37

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 19th day of August, 1997, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Glenn M. Wise Personal Representative 8-21,28,9-4,11chg

LEGAL NOTICE

The Coffee County Board of Education is accepting bids on a 1977 Ford school bus. Only sealed bids will be accepted. Any and all bids can be rejected if deemed unacceptable by a representative of the Coffee County Board of Education.

Deadline for bids is 11:00 a.m., August 29, 1997.

Bids will be opened at 12 noon, August 29, 1997.

A COBCE representative will be present at opening.

For further information contact Jerry Barnes, Kinston High School, at 565-0316.

/s/ Roger K. Bowden, Superintendent Coffee County School System 8-21,28chg

ORDINANCE NO. 1997-4

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CODE OF ALABAMA 1975 SECTIONS 11-51-180 THIS ORDINANCE LEVIES A RENTAL OR LEASE TAX ON EACH PERSON ENGAGING OR CONTINUING WITHIN THE CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA IN THE BUSINESS OF LEASING OR RENTING TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY. PROVIDES FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE SAID TAX; PROVIDES PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE AND REPEALS A PRIOR ORDINANCE LEVYING SIMILAR TAXES.

Pursuant to the provisions of Code of Alabama 1975 Sections 11-51-180 to be ordained by the City Council of the City of Elba in the State of Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby levied, in addition to all other taxes of every kind now imposed by law, and shall be collected as herein provided, a privilege or license tax on each person engaging or continuing within the City of Elba in the business of leasing or renting tangible personal property at the rate of three percent (3%) of the gross proceeds derived by the lessor from the lease or rental of tangible personal property, provided, that the said privilege or license tax on each person engaging or continuing within the City of Elba in the business of leasing or renting tangible personal property shall be at the rate of one and one-half percent (1 1/2%) of the gross proceeds derived by the lessor from the lease or rental of such automotive vehicle or truck trailer, semi-trailer or house trailer that is rented for construction sites, etc.; provided further, that the tax levied in this ordinance shall not apply to any leasing or rental, as lessor, by the state, or any municipality or county in the state, or any public corporation organized under the laws of the state, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any corporation organized under the provisions of Section 11-54-80 through 11-54-101, Code of Alabama 1975; provided further, that the privilege or license tax on each person engaging or continuing within the City of Elba in the business of leasing or renting tangible personal property shall be at the rate of two percent (2%) of the gross proceeds derived by the lessor from the lease or rental of such line and garments.

Section 2. Provisions of State Rental Tax Statutes Applicable to this Ordinance and Taxes herein Levied. The taxes levied by Section 1 of this Ordinance shall be subject to all definitions, exceptions, exemptions, requirements, rules, regulations, provisions, penalties, and punishments and deductions as are provided by Section 40-2A-7 and 40-12-200 to 40-12-224, inclusive.

Section 3. The tax levied and assessed by this ordinance is levied and assessed in lieu of the tax levied by Ordinance No. 1996-6, adopted on 21, 1996. Said Ordinance No. 1996-6 is hereby rescinded and repealed as of the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective on the first day of October 1997, and the first payment of taxes hereunder shall be due and payable on the twentieth day of November 1997. This Ordinance shall apply in full force and effect and shall apply to each month of the year 1997, beginning with the month of October and to each month of each calendar year thereafter from year to year.

Section 5. Adopted and approved this 25th day of August, 1997.

/s/James Grimes Mayor

ATTEST: /s/Donnie Morrow City Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

Don Morrow, the City Clerk for the City of Elba, certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 97-4, duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Elba, Alabama, at a regular meeting held at Elba City Hall on August 25, 1997, was caused by me to be published in The Elba Clipper, a newspaper published and of general circulation in the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, in the issue of August 28, 1997.

As part of the action passing Ordinance 1997-4, The City of Elba does hereby repeal existing ordinance 1996-6, which also addressed the collection of a lease and rental tax for the City of Elba, Alabama. That ordinance, which is being repealed, is set out below:

ORDINANCE NO. 1996-6

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A LEASE AND RENTAL TAX FOR THE CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Elba, Alabama as follows: SECTION 1. Definitions. For purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall have the respective meanings ascribed by this section: (1) BUSINESS. All activities engaged in, or caused to be engaged in, by any person with the object of gain, profit, benefit or advantage, either direct or indirect to such person.

(2) CITY CLERK/TREASURER. The City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Elba, Alabama.

(3) GROSS PROCEEDS. The value proceeding or accruing from the leasing or rental of tangible personal property, without any deduction on account of the cost of the property so leased or rented, the cost of materials used, labor or service cost, interest paid or any other expense whatsoever, and without any deductions on account of loss, and also include on the part of any person claiming exemption under subsection 4 of Section 4 of this ordinance an amount equal to the amount of rental paid on any tangible personal property acquired under such exemption and thereafter diverted to the use of such person.

(4) LEASING OR RENTAL. A transaction whereunder the person who owns or controls the possession of tangible personal property permits another person to have the possession or use thereof for a consideration and for the duration of a definite or indefinite period of time without transfer of the title to such property. The detention by the user thereof of, freight cars, oxygen tanks and acetylene tanks, similar property, in respect of which detention a demurrage or per diem charge is made against the user of such property shall not be deemed to constitute a transaction whereunder property is leased or rented to another within the meaning of this article.

(5) PERSON. Any natural person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, receiver, trust, estate or other entity, or any other group or combination of any thereof acting as a unit.

(6) CITY. The City of Elba, Alabama.

(7) TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY. Personal property which may be seen, weighed, measured, felt or touched, or in any other manner perceptible to the senses. The term "tangible personal property" shall not include stocks, bonds, notes, insurance or other contracts, or securities.

SECTION 2. License Required. IF any person shall engage in or continue in any business for which a privilege tax is imposed by Section 3 of this ordinance as a condition precedent to engaging or continuing in such business, he shall apply for and obtain from the City Clerk/Treasurer a license to engage in and to conduct such business for the current tax year upon the condition that he shall pay the taxes accruing to the City under the provisions of this Ordinance, provided that no license shall be issued under the provisions of this Ordinance to any person who has not complied with the provision of this Ordinance, and no provision of this Ordinance shall be construed as relieving any person from the payment of any license or privilege tax now or hereafter imposed by law.

SECTION 3. Levy and Amount of Tax. In addition to all other taxes now imposed by law, there is hereby levied a tax to be collected as herein provided a person who shall engage in or continue in engaging or continuing within the City of Elba in the business of leasing or renting tangible personal property at the rate of three percent (3%) of the gross proceeds derived by the lessor from the lease or rental of such automotive vehicle or truck trailer, semi-trailer or house trailer that is rented for construction sites, etc.; provided further, that the tax levied in this ordinance shall not apply to any leasing or rental, as lessor, by the state, or any municipality or county in the state, or any public corporation organized under the laws of the state, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any corporation organized under the provisions of Section 11-54-80 through 11-54-101, Code of Alabama 1975; provided further, that the privilege or license tax on each person engaging or continuing within the City of Elba in the business of leasing or renting tangible personal property shall be at the rate of two percent (2%) of the gross proceeds derived by the lessor from the lease or rental of such line and garments.

SECTION 4. Exemptions. There is hereby provided for the computation of the amount of the tax levied, assessed or payable under this article the following: (1) The gross proceeds accruing from any charge made by a landlord to a tenant in respect of the leasing or furnishing of tangible personal property to be used on the premises of any room or rooms, lodging or accommodations, leased or rented to transients in any hotel, motel, tourist camp, tourist cabin or any other place in which rooms, lodgings or accommodations are regularly furnished to transients for a consideration.

(2) The gross proceeds accruing from the leasing or rental of tangible personal property which the City is required to tax under the Constitution or laws of the United States or under the Constitution of the State.

(3) The gross proceeds accruing from the leasing or rental of nuclear fuel assemblies together with the nuclear material contained therein and other nuclear material used or useful in the production of electricity and assemblies containing ionizing radiation sources contained therein used or useful in medical treatment or scientific research.

(4) A transaction whereunder the lessor leases a truck or tractor-trailer or semi-trailer for operation over the public roads and highways and such lessor furnishes a driver or drivers for each such vehicle, and such transaction shall be deemed to constitute the rendition of service and not "leasing or rental" within the meaning of this article.

(5) The gross proceeds accruing from the leasing or rental of vehicles in inter-change between regulated motor carriers on a per diem basis.

(6) The gross proceeds accruing from the leasing or rental of all structures, devices, or facilities and identifiable components of any thereof acquired primarily for the control, reduction or elimination of air or water pollution, and the gross proceeds accruing from the leasing or rental of all materials used or intended for use in structures built primarily for the control, reduction or elimination of air and water pollution.

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